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Statement of Project Goals

CALLOWAY COUNTY, KENTUCKY **US 641 RECONSTRUCTION** FROM TENNESSEE STATE LINE (HAZEL, KENTUCKY) TO GLENDALE ROAD (KY 1550) IN MURRAY, KENTUCKY

As part of the Kentucky primary highway network, US 641 is functionally classified as a “rural principal arterial” and is on the National Highway System and the National Truck Network. It connects I-24 in Kentucky (via the Purchase Parkway) through Murray (KY) and Paris (TN) to I-40 in Tennessee. Within Calloway County, US 641 is the north-south backbone of the transportation system linking major employment and population concentrations to commercial, educational and health service centers.

US 641 is presently a four-lane divided facility from the Purchase Parkway to Murray. Improvements have previously been made to US 641 through Murray and the State of Tennessee is pursuing the improvement of US 641 as a four-lane divided facility from Paris northward to the Tennessee-Kentucky State Line.

The project goals for the improvement of US 641 from the Tennessee State Line to Glendale Road (KY 1550) in Murray are:

- ❑ Provide overall system connectivity and continuity by completing US 641 as a four-lane divided arterial from Murray to I-40, thereby filling Kentucky’s gap in this principal arterial between I-24 and I-40.
- ❑ Increase safety and reduce accidents.
- ❑ Provide an improved south corridor for commuters, shoppers, health service users, college students and truckers from Murray to US 79 south of Paris (TN).
- ❑ Accommodate future traffic and trucks between Murray and I-40 in Tennessee.
- ❑ Ensure future adequacy for forecasted traffic.